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Mayors, City Administrators, and Local Leaders:

Last month, President Obama signed a major disaster declaration following severe storms in June and July that devastated communities around our state. You represent one of 37 Ohio counties eligible for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

This disaster declaration allows state and local authorities to apply for public assistance aid to defray costs of rebuilding their communities. Some of these projects include: debris removal, emergency protective measures and public services, repair of damaged public property, loans needed by communities.

In order to receive funding, you must complete a request for public assistance form, which is enclosed, and send to your County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) by Wednesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be no additional open period for submissions after this time.

If you or your communities have any additional questions or concerns to this issue that are not addressed by your County EMA office, please do not hesitate to contact on my staff.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown

United States Senator